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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LIM ET AL.

Examiner

Lakshmi S. Channavajjala

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-9 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-9 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Receipt of amendment and response dated 1-8-07 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 25 are pending in the instant application.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 7-9 and 25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 2 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 122523 (EP, abstract).

EP teaches intermediate compounds for the preparation of azo compounds comprising benzenediol compounds, comprising 1,3-benzenediol, 2-(4-morpholinomethyl) compounds, which reads on instant claimed compounds. The above compound is listed on page 37, line 1. Hence EP anticipates instant claims.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 3, 7-9 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP122523 (EP) in view of Emilsson et al (European J. of medicinal Chemistry, cited in the last action)

EP teaches intermediate compounds for the preparation of azo compounds comprising benzenediol compounds, comprising 1,3-benzenediol, 2-(4-morpholinomethyl) compounds. Further EP teaches that the coupling compound is the Mannich reaction product of formaldehyde, resorcinol and an organic amine. Thus EP teaches the claimed reaction with a resorcinol instead of dimethoxybenzaldehyde.

The abstract of Emilsson shows reaction between 2,6-dimethoxybenzaldehyde with an amine. Examiner notes that the compound 2 of instant claim 7 is not a 2,5-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde and instead is a 2,6-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde.

Emilsson does not teach the same amine employed in the instant claimed reaction.

It would have been obvious for one of an ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to employ a resorcinol or a dimethoxybenzaldehyde compound of Emilsson and still result in the of 1,3-benzenediol, 2-(4-morpholinomethyl) of EP because while EP shows preparation without the step of deprotection, Emilsson shows that that the starting materials can be dimethoxybenzaldehyde and further the instant reactants and the step of deprotection is not novel. In re Durden, 763 F.2d 1406, 226 USPQ 359. One

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of an ordinary skill in the art would have expected reasonable success in producing a desired compound.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lakshmi S. Channavajjala whose telephone number is 571-272-0591. The examiner can normally be reached on 7.00 AM -4.00 PM.

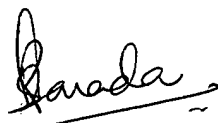
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lakshmi S. ChannavaJJala", with a horizontal line underneath.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER